

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

OCTOBER 20, 2015

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m., which was immediately following the Council's executive session.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Bridges led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brian Sheehan, and Makayla Herbert, Student Advisor, answered roll call. Councilman Berkemeier was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Conner made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Passed out documentation for review on the Washington D.C. trip. This was a follow up from our 2012 trip and the progress that has been made. It also included the items we are currently working on.
2. On the 13th we launched the HCI Building Block Program.
3. On the 13th we had a Board of Works executive session to discuss directions moving into next year.
4. Met with the County Council on the joint planning and zoning.
5. Had a press conference on the city center announcing Ivy Tech as occupants.
6. RCVA had a masquerade ball on the 17th.
7. On the 19th appeared before the County Commissioners regarding the APC/BZA.
8. Will be meeting with Tom Saunders on the 26th.
9. On the 28th Ocra will be coming to do a site visit.
10. Will be working with the Park Director to prepare an inventory of the parks.
11. On the 30th will meet with Russell Brown.
12. Also on the 30th there will be a ribbon cutting for Highway 52.
13. October 30th at 7:00 p.m. The Heart of Rushville will be presenting Poltergeist at the Princess. On the 31st there will be a kid's festival at 1:00 p.m. with Hotel Transylvania. At 10:00 p.m. The Rocky Horror Picture Show will be presented.
14. Asked Council if the daytime hours of November 4th would be a good day for a retreat. It was not a good time.
15. Three fourths of the lights are installed and working on 16th Street.

16. The attorney has been asked to submit a request to make the retention pond a legal drain. We will also submit an invoice to Dollar Tree.
17. Councilman Sheehan had asked for non-discrimination policies. Pavey provided samples.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Discussed.
- **Marketing** – Will be meeting with Shelley.
- **APC/BZA** – Discussed.
- **City Center** – Discussed
- **Cherry Street Extension** – They have been out surveying.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said trick or treating will be from 5:00-8:00 on the 31st. They will also have more enforcement out for Halloween.

Street – Commissioner Miller reported that they put in 85½ man hours, and logged 696 miles spraying for mosquitos this year. The spraying time was from 3:00-7:00 p.m.

The Street Department will start picking up leaves Monday.

Next week they will close the park restrooms except for Riverside Park which will be left open until after the haunted trail event.

The haunted trail will be Oct 24th and 30th from 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Park – Park Director Gurley said he has been meeting with other agencies to gain input and program ideas.

He and Chief Tucker will be giving a Halloween safety program to the RES Kindergarten classes.

The costume parade will be on the 31st with line up at 3:00 and judging at 4:00 p.m. at the root building.

Gurley asked for any comments on the master plan survey. There were none.

He and the Mayor met with Keiser Consulting last week to discuss the survey. They may do another survey for the Council and the Board of Works. They may also hold another public meeting.

Gurley asked for any suggestions to ward off the graffiti at the South Veterans Park covered bridge.

Animal – Warden Moran handed out monthly reports. She said the net gun is working.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said they administered the written test Saturday. Forty packets were picked up but only 11 showed up for the test. They will make cuts and prepare for interviews.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Pavey said he received a concern from Maxine and Richard McDonald wanting to drive their gator on the street, but the police said they can't. Pavey will ask for a written opinion from Chief Tucker.

Pavey said downtown parking is becoming an issue due to rental properties. He asked Newhouse to put together an ordinance to regulate parking.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Trailer Court South of Town** – The grant has been submitted.
2. **16th Street** – Discussed.
3. **Flatrock Retention** – Discussed.
4. **Waggoner Pool Study Year-End Closeout** – In the process of lining up a contractor to install the automated plumbing.
5. **Animal Quarantine Fees** – The Mayor has been discussing this with Moran and Councilman Bridges. The animals should not be released until the fee is paid. Pavey will ask Moran to submit a proposal for review.
6. **Executive and Capital Planning Retreat** – Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2015-10 Budget Adoption 2016** – Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-10 as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Adoption of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Creating Joint Planning and Zoning Office** – Sheehan made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan made a motion to appoint Councilman Bridges to sit on the governing board. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **Ordinance 2015-11 Withdraw and Reformation APC/BZA** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-11. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan made a motion to advertise the new zoning and subdivision ordinance for public hearing in November. Smith seconded the motion.

4. **Resolution 2015-16 Purchase 12 Acres (Purchase Agreement)** – Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-16. Conner seconded the motion. Councilman Sheehan abstained from the vote.
5. **Resolution 2015-17 Repayment of Electric Liquidation Funds** – Conner made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-17. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **RFP Development Housing** – Will provide further information when it is available.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: The County has requested the City to vacate an alley adjacent to the jail. The request was passed for review. We will set the matter for a public hearing.

Workforce Development Grant: Asked Council to review the language assessment plan for adoption.

Received a proposal for grant admin services for the Workforce Development Grant from Ara. We also received a letter from Kenna Consulting stating that they were not interested at this time.

We received 2 proposals for the training portion of the Workforce Development Grant. Smith moved to table the bids. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Received a call from Kevin Mandrell that they received the insurance renewal. He will be attending the next meeting.

CLAIMS: Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Conner made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.